बैंकों को सेवा क्षेत्र बाध्यता से मुक्त करने जिनका 1992–93 के दौरान संवितरण 2 करोड़ रुपए से कम था, हानि उठाने वाली शाखाओं को मंडियों, ताल्लुका/जिला मुख्यालयों, कृषि उत्पाद केन्द्रों आदि जैसे स्थानों में अवस्थिति करने की अनुमति देने और जिन संस्थानों के क्षेत्रीय ग्रामीण बैंक प्रमुख बैंकर हैं उनके परिसरों में विस्तार काउंटर खोलने सहित इसमें कई उपाय शामिल है। क्षेत्रीय ग्रामीण बैंकों को सुरक्षित जमा जाकर स्थापित करने की अनुमति भी दी गई है।

Fake Policies of LIC

2696. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 2 given in the Rajya Sabha on 22nd February, 1994 and state;

(a) whetner Government have come across fake policies of LIC taken by policy holders;

(b) if so, what is the number of fake LIC policies detected during 1991-92 and 1992-93 and what is the estimated amount involved in each of these years;

(c) in how many cases the maturе dfake policies were paid to the policyholders;

(d) whether any inquiry has been conducted by the Government to identify the racket involved and the official involvement if any; and

(e) if so, what is the outcome thereof and what action has been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) The Life Insurance Corporation of India have reported that they have a full-proof system to verify the correctness of the facts furnished in the proposal from by the proponent before issuing a policy in his favour. They also reported that they have not come across any case of fake insurance policy taken by policyholders.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Investigations into fera violation by bennet and collman

2697. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pelased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Enforcement Directorate is investigating a case fo FERA violation against Shri Ashok Jain, Chairman; Bennet and Collman;

(b) if so, what is the latest possition of the investigation of the case and in case it has been dropped, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Reserve Bank of India has issued a licence to establish a bank to M/s. Bennet and Collman as a division thereof; and

(d) the reasons for granting banking licence to the Company especially when the case of FERA violation and security scams are under investigation by Government agencies against the M/s. Bennet and Collman?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Income-tax notice to Ms. Jayalalitha

2698. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the notices issued by the Income Tax authorities under Section 148 and other Sections of the

I.T. Act to Ms. Jayalalitha, Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu have been replied; and

(b) what further action Government propose to take?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Marathi Dailies and Weeklies

2699. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) number of Daily and Weekly Newspapers published in Marathi from the State of Maharashtra;

(b) names of the daily and weekly Marathi Newspapers published from Raigad district of Maharashtra registered as on 31st December, 1993; and

(c) names of weekly Marathi neswspapers published from Raigad district of Maharashtra registered as on 31st December, 1993?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) As per the records maintained in the office of the Registrar of Newspapers for India, 212 dailies and 566 weeklies in Marathi published from Maharashtra state were registered upto 31-12-93.

(b) and (c) District-wise details of registered newspapers are not maintained by the office of the Registrar of Newspapers for India.

Advertisements in Marathi Dailies

2700. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the procedure of giving advertisements of DAVP and UPSC in various dailies;

(b) the number of advertisements released to Marathi Dailies published from places other than Mumbai, Pune, Nagpur and Aurangabad district headquarters;

(c) the number of Marathi dailies which are given Central Government advertisements in Raigad district of Maharashtra;

(d) if advertisements are not given what are the reasons therefor; and

(e) what is the number of daily and weekly Marathi newspapers registered as on 31st December, 1993?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Government advertisements are issued to only those newspapers/journals which are empanelled with DAVP for issue of advertisements. For each individual campaign, a separate media list is prepared keeping in view the publicity requirements client's requirements and budgetary provisions. A balanced and equitable distribution of advertisements is aimed at with the objective of achieving widest coverage.

(b) During the period April '93 to February '94, a total of 1341 insertions measuring 91,059 col. cms. of space were released to Marathi dailies published from places other than Mumbain, Pune, Nagpur and Aurangabad district headquarters;